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0420 COMPUTER STUDIES

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Paper 1, maximum raw mark 100

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- 1 (a) Any **two** items from the list:
- purpose of the system/program/software/package*
 - program listing/coding*
 - programming language used*
 - flowcharts/algorithms/pseudocode*
 - screen (input) formats/layouts*
 - hardware requirements*
 - software requirements*
 - (minimum) memory requirements*
 - known bugs*
 - list of variables (and their meaning)/data dictionary*
 - file structures*
 - sample runs*
 - output formats/layouts*
 - validation rules*
 - meaning of error messages*
 - installation guide*

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- (b) Any **two** items from the list:
- purpose of the system/program/software/package*
 - how to log in/log out*
 - how to load/run software*
 - how to save/load files*
 - how to do a search*
 - how to sort data*
 - how to print (out documents/files)*
 - how to delete/add/amend records*
 - screen (input) formats/layouts*
 - output formats/layouts*
 - hardware requirements*
 - software requirements*
 - sample runs*
 - meaning of error messages*
 - troubleshooting/help/FAQs*
 - tutorials*
 - installation guide*

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2 1 mark for each correctly identified use of data storage medium (column):

	CD-ROM	DVD-RAM	fixed hard disk	memory stick
storage medium where data can only be read and not altered	✓			
portable medium which allows transfer of data between computers				✓
memory where operating systems and applications software are usually stored			✓	
medium which allows recording and playback to occur at the same time		✓		

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3 (a) 1 mark for type of memory used and 1 mark for data transfer method.

chosen device	type of internal memory	method of transferring data
MP3 player	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – (NAND) flash memory – solid state memory – type of EEPROM – non-volatile memory – SD card 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – using USB (port/cable) in computer – blue tooth/WiFi connection – slot card into computer card reader
digital camera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – (NAND) flash memory – solid state memory – type of EEPROM – non-volatile memory – SD card or XD card 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – using USB (port/cable) in computer – blue tooth/WiFi connection – slot card into computer card reader
mobile phone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – (NAND) flash memory – solid state memory – type of EEPROM – non-volatile memory – SD card 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – using USB (port/cable) in computer – blue tooth/WiFi connection – slot card into computer card reader

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(b) (i) Any **one** disadvantage from:

- memory size in mobile phone is usually much smaller
- many MP3 features (e.g. shuffle) not available on the mobile phone
- track/song can be interrupted by an incoming call on a mobile phone

[1]

(ii) Any **one** disadvantage from:

- poorer quality of image due to phone's inferior camera lens/fewer pixels /lower resolution
- stores fewer pictures
- fewer photographic options

[1]

4 (a) 1 mark for each correct health and safety risk identified:

potential risk	health issue	safety issue
<i>repetitive strain injury (RSI) caused by excessive clicking of a mouse or typing</i>	✓	
<i>trailing wires connected to a computer system</i>		✓
<i>ozone gas and toner particles produced during laser printer operation</i>	✓	
<i>headaches and eye strain caused by glare from a computer monitor/screen</i>	✓	
<i>electrocution risk caused by spilling liquids on a computer system</i>		✓

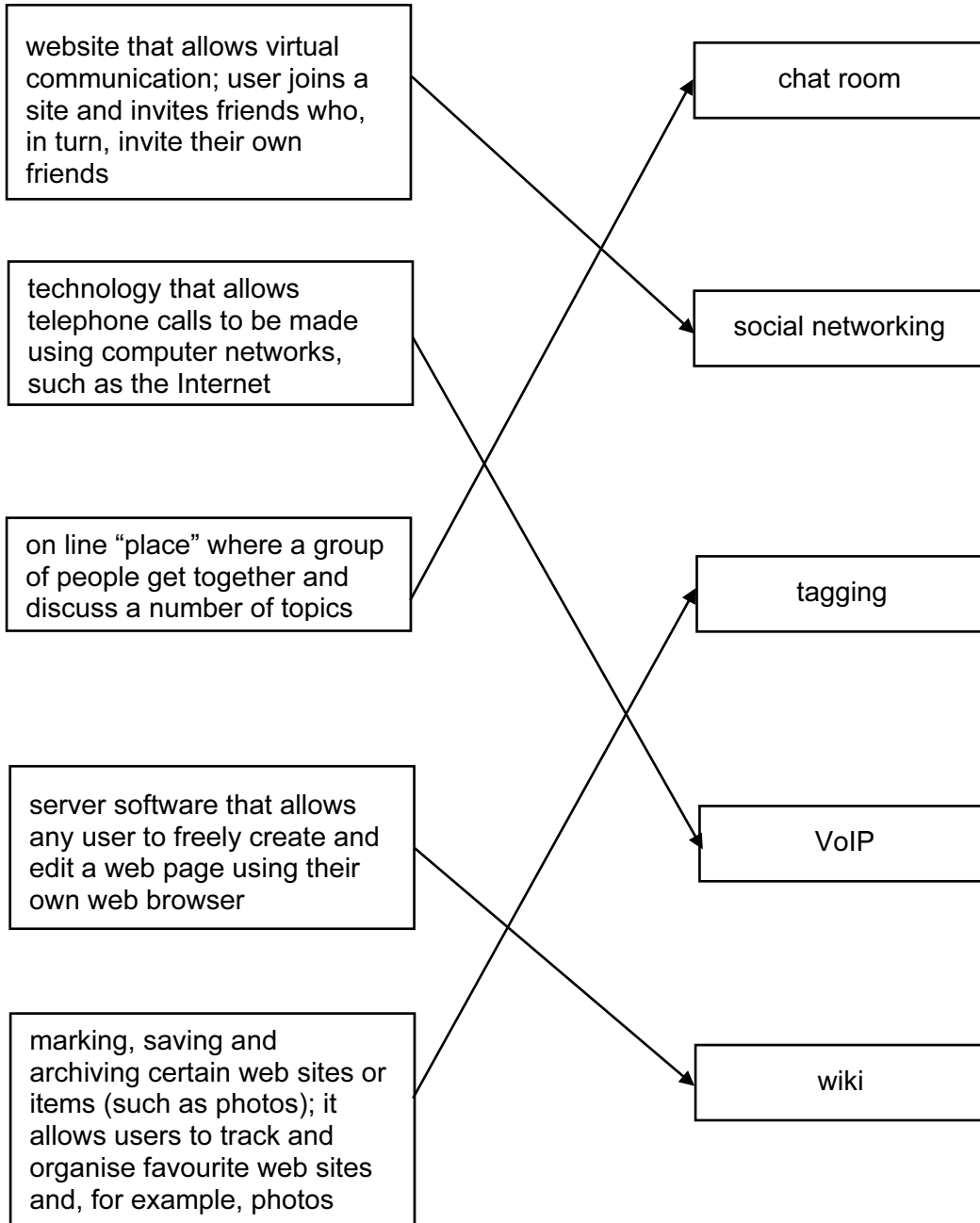
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(b) Any **three** from:

- loss of work/unemployment
- de-skilling of workers
- need for workers to re-train
- can work from home/remote working
- use of video conferencing rather than face to face meetings
- quieter environment in the office
- more use of “out sourcing” of work (workers become project managers)
- use of computer for non-work related activities (*accept an example of this*)

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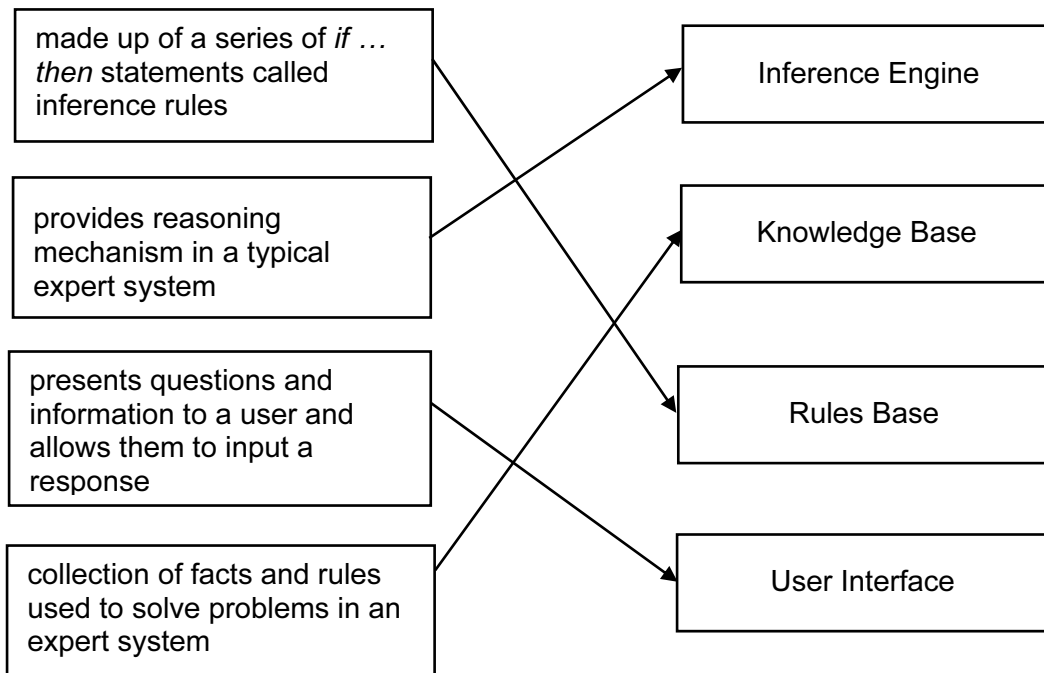
- 6 (a) Any **one** from:
- not possible to save data on a CD-ROM
 - CD-ROMs are read only
 - data cannot be altered on a CD-ROM
- [1]
- (b) Any **one** from:
- WiFi only connects devices together in the home/connects to router
 - still need Internet external connection via telephone network/wires
- [1]
- (c) Any **one** from:
- satellites send signals **TO** (the GPS system in) the car (sat nav)
 - GPS device and NOT the satellite works out the cars' location
- [1]
- (d) Any **one** from:
- Messages left in the inbox/stored on server
 - and then opens it/reads message at their leisure
- [1]
- (e) Any **one** from:
- not true since time zones/differences prevent this
 - meetings can be held **at short notice** (which is very different)
- [1]

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- 7 (a)** Any **four** points from:
- (light) sensor sends data signals about spinning CD to microprocessor
 - the signals/data are converted from analogue to digital (by an ADC)
 - microprocessor uses data and “counts” number of CD revolutions per second/calculates speed of revolution
 - this calculated/received value is compared to the value stored in memory
 - if the number of revolutions/speed is out of acceptable range microprocessor sends a signal ...
 - ... and the CD speed is increased/decreased accordingly
 - an error message is also sent if the speed is out of range
- [4]
- (b)** Any **two** points from:
- sensors indicate sudden jolt/movement
 - data from CD stored in a temporary memory/buffer
 - there is a (2 to 4 second) delay in “real time” playback
 - playback is suspended until device is stable again
- [2]
- (c)** Any **one** from:
- no moving parts e.g. no spinning CDs, solid state
 - no “physical” media
- [1]

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8 (a)



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(b) Any **three** from:

- lack human common sense
- cannot make creative responses in unusual/new circumstances
- can't always explain clearly their logic and reasoning
- lack a degree of flexibility
- not able to recognize when no answer is actually available
- do not learn unless the knowledge base/expert system is updated
- only give percentage probability that answer could be correct

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- 9 (a)** Any **two** from:
- can put the film anywhere (e.g. stick on a curved wall)
 - can fit to awkward shapes where rigid screen would be impossible
 - can be any size required
 - self-contained unit
 - use less energy
 - less physical space required
- [2]
- (b)** Any **two** from:
- advertising (e.g. in railway stations, airports, etc.)
 - books/magazines/newspapers made out of the thin film
 - art (i.e. moving pictures, light shows, etc.)
 - any screen application e.g. TV, mobile phone etc.
- [2]
- 10 (a)** Any **one** from:
- allows digital systems to use analogue phone networks
 - convert analogue – digital – analogue
 - digital signal converted from one form to another (for transmission)
- [1]
- (b)** Any **two** from:
- blocks unauthorized external users gaining access to the intranet
 - blocks programs/software gaining access to Internet from intranet
 - filters out certain websites to users of intranet when accessing the Internet
 - aids/helps to prevent viruses
 - packet inspection/traffic flow monitoring
- [2]
- (c)** Any **two** from:
- hacking
 - viruses/malware
 - security issues (pharming, phishing, spyware, etc.)
 - access to undesirable web sites
 - abuse of computer time by work force
- [2]

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11 (a) (i) 5 [1]

(ii) 8 [1]

(b) M3 and M8 only [1]

(c) (Cars per day > 50 000) OR (Toll charge per km (\$) > 0.50)

<----- (1 mark) -----> <----- (1 mark) ----->

Or

(Toll charge per km (\$) > 0.50) OR (Cars per day > 50 000)

<----- (1 mark) -----> <----- (1 mark) ----->

[2]

12 (a) a

A	B	C	D	E	K	X
3	5	1	4	8	0	0
5	3				3	1
		4	1		1	1
			8	1	1	1
						0
	4	3			3	1
		8	3		3	1
						0
	8	4			4	1
						0
8	5				5	1
						0

< - - - - 1 mark - - - - > < 1 mark > < - - - - 1 mark - - - - > < 1 mark > < 1 mark >

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(b) 8, 5, 4, 3, 1

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(c) SORT/ORDER (descending) routine

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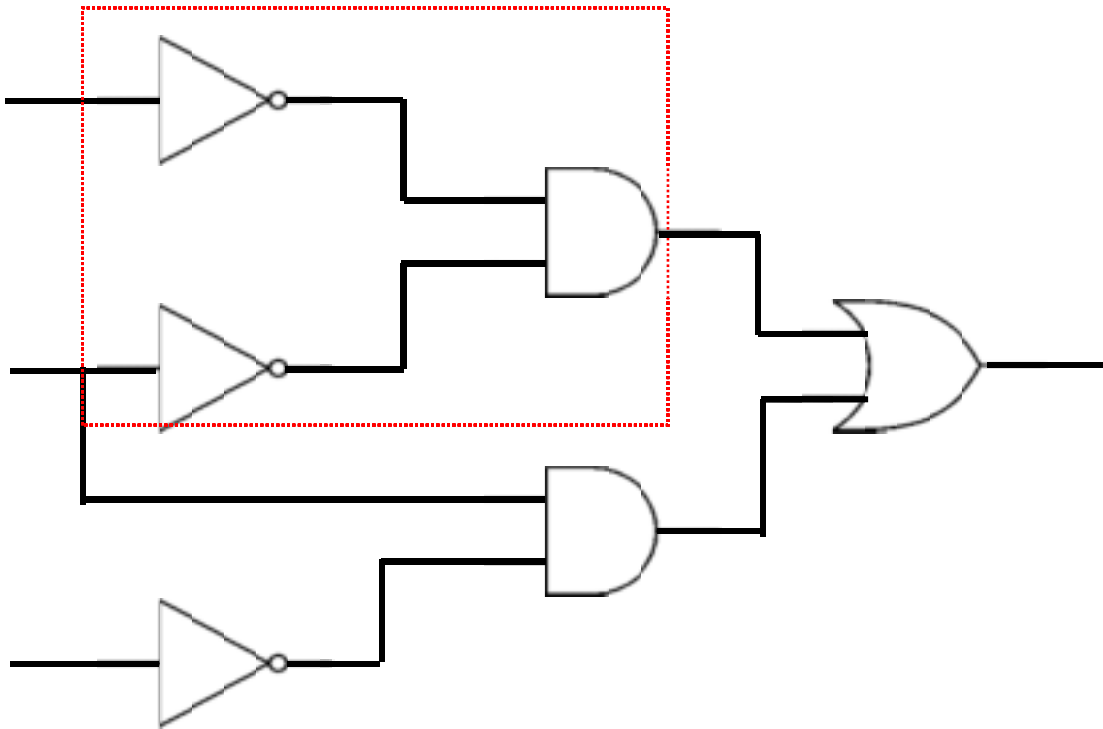
(d) – would continue looping round even when sorting complete
 – loop would never end/infinite loop

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- 13 (a) (i) name: – character/type check
– presence check
- address: – character/type check
– presence check
– use lookup file/database
- type of card: – character/type check
– presence check
– consistency check
– format check
- card number: – length check
– format check
– check digit
– range check
– character/type check
– presence check
- (need different validation check for each item) [4]
- (ii) – type of credit/debit card
– limited number of possible options [2]
- (b) date of birth – drop down boxes of day, month and year
– use of input boxes:
-
- calendar object
- male or female – radio buttons
– tick/check boxes
– drop down/combo box
- accept/decline company conditions
– tick/check boxes
– radio buttons
– drop down/combo box [3]

15 (a)



1 mark per correct logic gate

(Accept other notation for logic gates)

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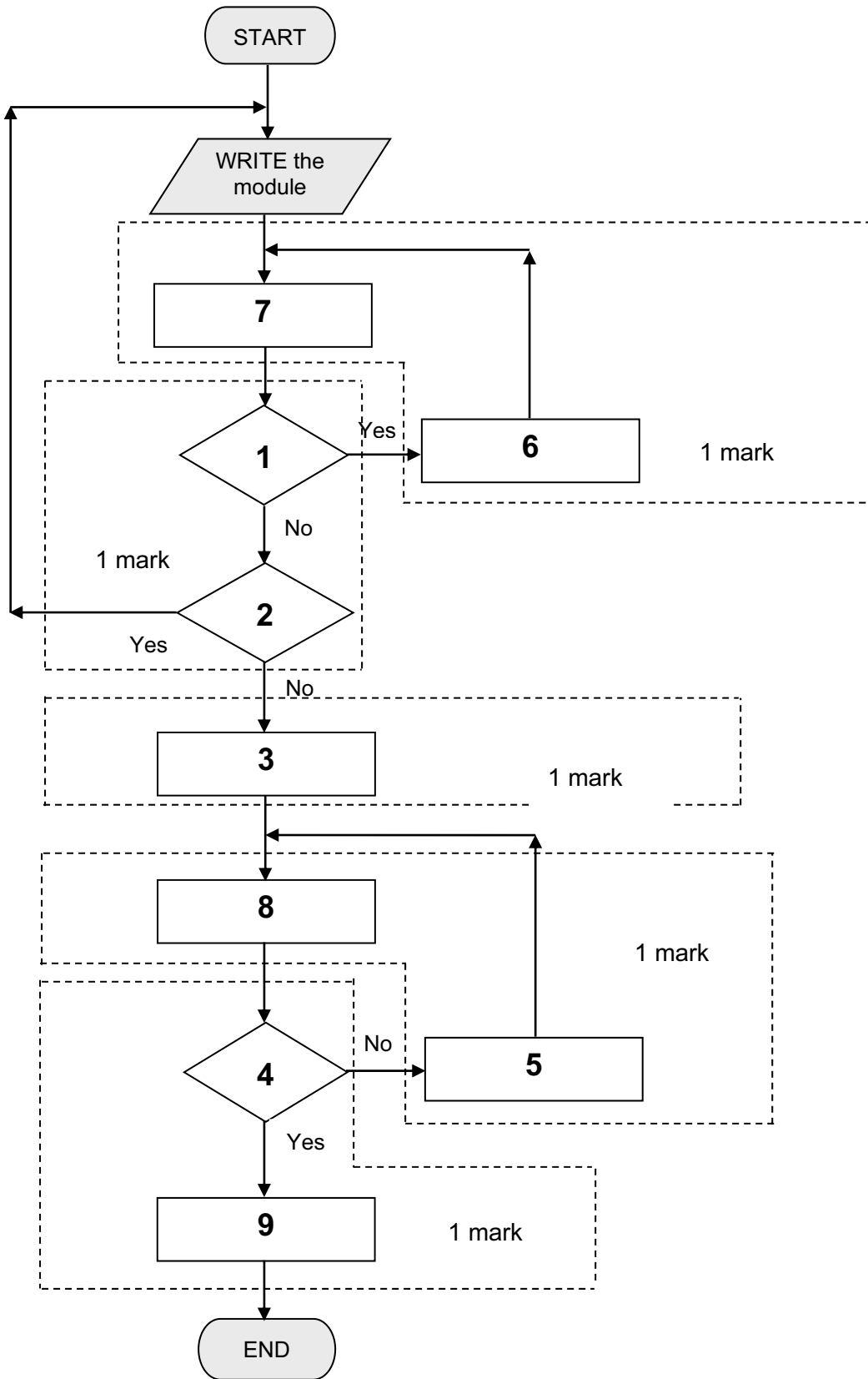
(b)

B	S	P	X
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	0

}
}
}
}

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17 marking points:

- initialisation of all the variables 1 mark
- corrects loop (1 to 50 000) 1 mark
- input number (INSIDE a loop) 1 mark
- how to identify the first 3 digits in the input number 1 mark
- test which of the 4 networks number comes from 1 mark
- increment appropriate network total (INSIDE a loop) 1 mark
- addition of some form of error checking 1 mark
- output totals (OUTSIDE the loop) 1 mark

sample coding:

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Y = 0: N = 0: K = 0: S = 0 1 mark
for count = 1 to 50 000 1 mark
    input number 1 mark
    X = number/100 000 000 1 mark
    if X > 0.7 then S = S + 1 }
        else if X > 0.6 then K = K + 1 } 2
            else if X > 0.5 then N = N + 1 } marks
                else if X > 0.4 then Y = Y + 1 }
                    else print "error in number" 1 mark
next count
print Y, N, K, S 1 mark

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